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SUBJECT: SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S INTERVIEW WITH NACIONAL

1. GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED DAILY NACIONAL ON MARCH 5 PUBLISHED A FULL-PAGE INTERVIEW WITH USSR AMBASSADOR NIKOLAI K. TARASOV JUST BEFORE TARASOV'S DEPARTURE MARCH 11 ON TRANSFER. IT IS DIFFICULT TO HIGHLIGHT INTERVIEW, WHICH HAS DULL GRAY OPACITY OF STANDARD SOVIET BOILER PLATE. GIST OF SOME COMMENTS FOLLOWS. TEXT OF INTERVIEW BEING POUCHED TO ARA/MEX.

2. TARASOV ELABORATED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF XXV CONGRESS OF THE USSR'S COMMUNIST PARTY AND ON THE GREAT INFLUENCE THE SOVIET UNION HAS ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. HE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF DETENTE FOR HUMANITY IN GENERAL. HE SAW NO CONFLICT BETWEEN DETENTE AND SOVIET SUPPORT TO NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS SUCH AS THAT WHICH HAS COME TO POWER IN ANGOLA. SOVIET AID TO THE MPLA WAS NOT AN ACT OF "SOVIET EXPANSIONISM". DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE SOVIET AND WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES HAVE BEEN EXAGGERATED MALICIOUSLY IN THE WESTERN PRESS. TARASOV GAVE MORE TIME IN HIS INTERVIEW TO THE PRC-USSR RELATIONSHIP THAN TO ANY OTHER

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SINGLE TOPIC AND HE PICTURED THE PRC AS THE MOST SERIOUS

THREAT TO WORLD PEACE. HE ALSO DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION(AND SHOWED SOME HEAT) TO THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE USSR. ACCORDING TO TARASOV, OF THE SOVIET JEWS WISHING TO LEAVE THE SOVIET UNION 1970-1975, 98.4 PERCENT WERE ALLOWED TO DEPART.

3. COMMENT: PERHAPS THE MOST INTERESTING ASPECT OF THE FOREGOING WAS THAT NACIONAL, COMPLETELY CONTROLLED AND GOVERNED BY THE GOM, CHOSE TO ARRANGE AND PUBLISH THIS INTERVIEW. (THERE WAS NO SIMILAR INTERVIEW WHEN TARASOV'S PREDECESSOR DEPARTED). AS THE CHIEF OF ONE OF THE LARGEST DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN MEXICO, TARASOV MUST BE EVALUATED IN TERMS OF HIS MEXICAN TOUR OF DUTY AS LESS THAN EFFECTIVE. AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE NEVER MASTERED SPANISH AND, FROM OUR OBSERVATIONS, HIS RAPPORT WITH MEXICANS(AND WITH OTHER DIPLOMATS OTHER THAN THOSE FROM SOVIET SATELLITES) WAS MINIMAL. THE FACT THAT HE SUFFERS ILL HEALTH(HEART) DID NOT MAKE HIM MORE ACTIVE AT THIS ALTITUDE.
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